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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

The following is listed on the accompanying PTO/SB/08 and is in a non-English language:

1. WO 02/10269 A2 - An English-language abstract of the document is enclosed.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or the translation of the non-English document, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the European Patent Office in the PCT international application, from which this national phase U.S. application is derived, citing this document and setting forth the relevance thereof.


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